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XM has been our lifeline to the real world. We reside in a rural area, as do our four sons. Much of rural and remote America cannot access information services without the vital media services offered by XM radio. We can personally attest to this as we also travel extensively due to business, which means that we not only cannot access radio when at home, until XM we were not able to stay in touch with day to day news, weather and traffic throughout our travels. If you stifle this vital service you will be discriminating against the huge number of both traveling and rural and remote households that are dependent upon satellite radio for the informational services that is taken for granted by our urban and non-traveling counterparts.

We have now heard that National Association of Broadcasters is putting pressure on the U.S. Congress to place restrictions on satellite radio's ability to continue and even expand the radio services. Please avoid giving in to this large self interest group to do what is in the best interest of the consumers. Avoid the current propensity to grow monopolies in the media industry by supporting expansion of satellite radio, which offers all consumers more options, especially those in rural and remote areas better service.

We recognize that we pay for these services, but the reason we are so willing to pay is that they are basic to our well being. By supporting continuation and expansion of satellite radio's services you are also compelling existing radio providers to either deliver better service or lose market share. It would seem that this type of competition is not only good business, it is in the best interest of a free America. Thank you for your consideration of this input into this very important issue.